PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE GRAND CHAPTER

OF

Royal Arch Masons

OF CANADA,

From its Formation, on the 20th Jan., A.I., 2387, A.D., 1857,

TO THE

SECOND ANNUAL CONVOCATION, HELD AT THE CITY OF LONDON, C.W.,

On the third Wednesday, the 16th day of February, A. D., 1859.

Ordered to be Read in all Chapters and Preserved.

ADDRESS:
THOMAS DOUGLAS HARINGTON, TORONTO, GRAND Z.
THOMAS BIRD HARRIS, HAMILTON, G. SCRIBE, E.

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PROCEEDINGS

At the Third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Hamilton, on Wednesday, the 8th day of February, A.D., 1860.

PRESENT:

M. E. Companion	Thompson Wilson,	as Grand	Z.
R. " "	Thomas Duggan,	as "	H.
" " "	Francis Richardson, on the Throne.	as "	Z.
R. E. "	Thomas Bird Harris,	Grand	Scribe E.
" " "	Samuel B. Harman,	"	Scribe N.
" " "	William Bellhouse,	"	Treasurer.
" " "	Edwin Heathfield,	as "	Princ. Soj.
" " "	William Pardey,	as "	1st Asst. Soj.
" " "	William R. Harris,	as "	2nd Asst. "
V. " "	M. F. Shaler,	"	Sword Bearer.
" " "	Jeremiah Taylor,	"	Pursuivant.
"	John Morrison,	"	Janitor.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. E. Companion	Francis Richardson,	Toronto District.
" " "	John C. Franck,	Central "

R. E. Companion Kivas Tully, Representative of the Grand Chapter of Ireland.

A constitutional member of Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in Ample form.

The Grand Scribes, E. and N., having examined the Register, reported the following Representatives of regularly warranted Chapters, also the proxies of Chapters under Dispensation present, and recommend that they be admitted and take part in the proceedings of Grand Chapter.

No. 2. THE HIRAM CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

M. E. Companion William M. Wilson, P. G. Z.
R. " " Thomas Duggan, P. G. H., P. Z.
" " " William Bellhouse, G. Treas., Z.
V. " " Jeremiah Taylor, H.
" " James M. Rogerson, J.
" G. W. Whitehead.

No. 3. ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

E. Companion Edwin Heathfield, Z.

No. 4. ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

R. E. Companion Samuel B. Harman, G.S.N., Z.
" " " Francis Richardson, G. Supt., P. Z.
" " William H. Pardey, H.
" " William R. Harris, J.

No. 5. ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

M. E. Companion Thompson Wilson, P. G. Z., Z.

No. 6. ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

R. E. Companion Thomas B. Harris, G. S. E., P. Z.
V. " " M. F. Shaler, G. S. B., H.

No. 7. MORIA CHAPTER, BELLEVILLE.

R. E. Companion John C. Franck, G. Supt., P. Z.

No. 8. KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

R. E. Companion Kivas Tully, G. Rep., P. Z.
" " " Francis Richardson, G. Supt. (Proxy.)

UD. WILSON CHAPTER, WINDSOR.

M. E. Companion Thompson Wilson, P. G. Z. (Proxy.)

AFF. CATARAQUI CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

R. E. Companion Thos. B. Harris, G.S.E. (proxy.)

UD. WAWANOSH CHAPTER, SARNIA.

M. E. Companion T. Wilson, P.G.Z. (proxy.)

The report from the Grand Scribes was received and on motion adopted.

The Grand Scribe E, read the rules and regulations for the government of the Grand Chapter.

The minutes of the last Annual Convocaion, held at the City of London, on the 16th day of February, A. D., 1859, also of an Especial Convocation held at the City of Kingston, on the 12th day of July, A.D., 1859, were read, and on motion confirmed.

It was, after due consideration, decided for all future time to be a regulation of this Grand Chapter,—

That the confirmation of minutes be held to mean that its proceedings have been correctly transcribed, and when so recorded must be confirmed.

The Grand Scribe E, submitted a letter he had received from the M. E. Grand Z, expressing regret that circumstances of an unavoidable nature precluded the possibility of his being present to preside over this Grand Convocation, and begged to have submitted the following Address and correspondence on matters of importance for the consideration of the Grand Chapter.

ADDRESS.

Companions:

I regret most sincerely that it is out of my power to preside at the present Convocation. I am sorry both officially and personally, for I very much wished to have assisted in your deliberations, and exchanged those personal and social acts of friendship, which are so well calculated to bind the human family more closely together, and alleviate the pain of subsequent separation.

Stationed, however, as I am at this almost remote end of Canada, with the means of communication liable, on any day, to be seriously interrupted at this season of the year, and having important duties to attend to, which, just now, especially claim my time as a Public Servant of the Province, and which cannot be put aside, I am obliged, much against my inclination, in this manner to bring before your notice such matters as I deem interesting, and with which it is my duty to make you acquainted.

The *condition* of our *Order*, since our last meeting, has been one of increasing prosperity. I have granted *four Dispensations* for *new Chapters*, viz:—

Wilson, R. A. C., Windsor,
Bedford District, R. A. C., Dunham,
Wawanosh, " Sarnia,
Carleton, " Ottawa,

The applications for which were duly recommended by the respective District Grand Superintendents, and I trust that Grand Chapter will confirm my Dispensations, and grant Warrants of Constitution to the petitioners.

Two Chapters, hailing under the Registry of Ireland, have *affiliated* during the past year, viz:—

Cataraqui, R. A. C., Kingston,
Independent, " Quebec,

At this period, consequently, there are *seventeen Chapters*, hailing from and acknowledging the authority of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and there are, I am told, grounds for believing that this number will materially increase during the current year; but the reports of the District Grand Superintendents, required to be rendered annually, will, I trust, give a more clear view of the State of Royal Arch Masonry in their several Districts; while the returns made by the respective Chapters will afford you statistical information as to their individual condition.

ENGLAND.

It is with real pleasure I am able to state that our recognition by the *Supreme Grand Chapter of England* is so far ratified, that some simple points, relating to the intermediate Degrees, and their effect on the privileges of English Royal Arch Masons, only require to be cleared up to the satisfaction of the Grand Principals. I have sent the most full information to the Grand Scribe E, in London, and feel sure that no long time will elapse before the Grand Chapter of England and ourselves will be united by the most fraternal and cordial bonds of fellowship and communion. The Grand Scribe E, will presently read the correspondence to you, and I recommend that it be spread on our Minutes for publication, with other proceedings of Grand Chapter.

SCOTLAND.

Our recognition by the *Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland*, I am happy to report, is complete, as the following very gratifying communication will prove to you.

(Copy.) "EDINBURGH, 30th June, 1859.

"To the Most Excellent the Grand Principals, Office Bearers, and Companions of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada,—

GREETING:

"We, the Chairman of Committee and Scribe E. of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, as authorized by the minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, 15th inst., beg leave to acknowledge receipt of an Address then laid before this Chapter from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Canada, wherein, after detailing the grounds on which it was considered necessary to institute a controlling power in that Province over Royal Arch Masonry and the happy accomplishment of their object, they proffer the right hand of fellowship and desire fraternal recognition.

"We are, at same time, commanded to express the gratification which it affords this Grand Chapter to be favored with a communication so much in unison with that spirit which it is fitting and becoming the head of Royal Arch Masonry in one country to evince towards that of another, tending as it is thought, in no small degree, not only to the prosperity of the Bodies under separate control, but to the advancement of the Order in general. We have further the satisfaction of expressing the delight which it gives the Grand Chapter to accept of the fellowship tendered them in the Address now under acknowledgement, and also the pleasure, which, by the mutual recognition of each other, it is anticipated will follow their efforts in co-operating with the Supreme Grand Chapter of Canada in any measure calculated to enhance the dignity or promote the usefulness of the two Grand Bodies.

"In the name and by the appointment of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and the Seal of the same, caused to be affixed this thirteenth day of June, A.D., 1859, A. L., 5863.

(Signed.) "P. COWAN, *Chairman of Committee.*
" "WM. GAYNOR, *Grand Scribe E.*"

Before, however, I leave Scotland for other countries in like amity with us, I regret to state that I have received intimation of a chapter on the registry of Scotland, exalting candidates in a spirit of rivalry, and with the avowed purpose of opening a Royal Arch Chapter at Whitby, not to be under the control of the Grand Chapter of Canada. I need hardly point out that Scotland, having fully and handsomely recognized the authority of the latter, has virtually surrendered all her former power in Canada, except over such of her Chapters, as were in existence at the time of recogni-

tion, and can grant no fresh Charters. If, therefore, individuals hailing from *any new Chapters* in this Province, except constituted by the Grand Chapter of Canada, present themselves at your portals, it will be your strict duty to *refuse them admittance*, and *hold no companionship* with them. I shall communicate what I have heard to the Grand Chapter of Scotland without loss of time.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Copies of the *Proceedings* of the *Grand Chapters* of—

Connecticut, California, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Maine, North Carolina, New York, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio, South Carolina, Virginia, Vermont and Wisconsin, have been received during the past year, and, as our Constitution does not specially provide for the appointment of a committee on foreign correspondence, I shall notice them briefly in my present Address.

The contents are of varied interest, and will well repay perusal, but being principally applicable to their several localities, it is unnecessary to make lengthy quotations therefrom. They are important and valuable, as evincing, by their transmission, the kindly encouragement and brotherly feeling of the Grand Chapters of the United States towards our young, but healthy Body. The great questions of all the communications appear to have been—*Uniformity of Work*—and that relating to the connection existing between State Grand Chapters and the *General Grand Chapter* of the *United States*, and the propriety of dissolving the said connection. Our tried friend "*Vermont*" says on this subject,—"After a careful perusal of twenty-five pamphlets, varying from sixty to two hundred pages each, your Committee find fewer topics of general interest than was anticipated, owing probably to the all-absorbing interest excited by the question of the General Grand Chapter."

CONNECTICUT.

(*Meets in May.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 27—Exaltations, 155—Members, 1670. Acknowledges Proceedings of Grand Chapter of Canada.

CALIFORNIA.

(*Meets in May.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 24—Exaltations, 227—Members, 911. And the Committee on foreign correspondence state,—"That all the Grand Chapters of the United States, with the exception of three, besides this Grand Chapter, have recognized

the Grand Chapter of Canada, and being in such matters in favor of being guided by the expression of the majority, they recommend that said Grand Chapter be recognized by this Grand Chapter." *And it was Resolved*,—"that this Grand Chapter cordially recognizes the Grand Chapter of Canada, and extends to it a welcome into the confederation of Grand Chapters."

ILLINOIS.

(*Meets in September.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 57—Exaltations, 355—Members, 1752. Acknowledges Proceedings of Grand Chapter of Canada, and says:—"One thing is exceedingly gratifying in Canadian Masonry, that is, the almost universal kindness and fraternal feeling and spirit pervading all their proceedings and correspondence, whether in a state of agreement or disagreement."

INDIANA.

(*Meets in May.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 42—Exaltations, 168—Members, 1391. Publishes no report on foreign correspondence.

KENTUCKY.

(*Meets in October.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 76—Exaltations, 227—Members, 1890. Acknowledges Proceedings of Grand Chapter of Canada, and *Resolved*,—"that this Grand Chapter hails, with delight its formation, and fraternally welcomes it as such."

LOUISIANA.

(*Meets in February.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 25—Exaltations, 86—Members, 682. The Grand Chapter of Canada is not mentioned, except in a note, to the effect, that no exchanges have been received from it.

MISSOURI.

(*Meets in May.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 27—Exaltations, 86—Members, 703. Publishes extracts from the Proceedings of Grand Chapter of Canada. The Grand High Priest, in his Address, calls attention to the prevalence of *profane swearing* and *intoxication*, and calls upon the Companions to seek out and effectually apply a remedy against those vices, that Royal Arch Masonry may not be dishonored, and, in conclusion, he asks the following very pertinent

questions—" Have we tried to perform our masonic duties as we should? Have we, by friendly, kind and brotherly advice, tried to bring back our erring Brother to the path of duty? Have we tried to dispense true masonic light and knowledge as far as we could? Have we thrown the mantle of charity over the foibles and faults of our Companions, or have we blazoned them to the world? Have we spoken kindly to our Brother's face and unkindly behind his back? It is well for us to think of these things and make ourselves practical as well as professed masons."

MISSISSIPPI.

(*Meets in January.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 70—Exaltations, 265—Members, 2123. Publishes no report on foreign correspondence.

MAINE.

(*Meets in May.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 9—Exaltations, 37—Members, 538. Acknowledges Proceedings of Grand Chapter of Canada.

NORTH CAROLINA.

(*Meets in June.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 31—Exaltations, 17—Members, 894. Acknowledges proceedings of Grand Chapter of Canada, and the committee report as follows:—" We delayed extending the right hand of fellowship, until we could be in possession of information affording some assurance that we, by our recognition, were not encouraging 'insubordination or resistance' to the legal authority of a foreign jurisdiction. We now learn that the Grand Lodge of England has virtually relinquished her claims by the formal acknowledgement of the independence of the Grand Lodge of Canada; and she not claiming jurisdiction over the Royal Arch and the appendant Degrees, we see no reason for withholding masonic fellowship; and we recommend that this Grand Chapter extend to her a cordial recognition, and welcome her into the ranks of independent Grand Chapters, with a true fraternal feeling."

NEW YORK.

(*Meets in February.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 168—Exaltations, 567—Members, 3711. The only reference to the Grand Chapter of Canada relates to its official recognition by the several Grand Chapters of the United States.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

(*Meets in June.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 7—Exaltations, 61—Members, 245. Acknowledges Proceedings of Grand Chapter of Canada.

NEW JERSEY.

(*Meets in September.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 8—Exaltations (no correct return) —Members, 277. The Proceedings extend from its organization in December, 1856, to September, 1859. On motion the following Resolutions were adopted. "*Whereas* the Grand Chapter of the State of New Jersey has heard with great satisfaction of the regular formation and organization of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada. *Resolved*,—That we cordially welcome them into the Sisterhood of Grand Chapters, and extend to them our fraternal recognition and the right hand of fellowship. *Resolved*, That the usual correspondence and intercourse be opened with the same, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to communicate a copy of these Proceedings to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, duly authenticated by the Seal of this Grand Chapter."

The Grand Chapter of New Jersey most wisely enacts,—"That no Chapter shall receive a Warrant from it, until the officers named shall exemplify to the satisfaction of the Grand Chapter and officers their capacity to perform the duties they are then to assume."

OHIO.

(*Meets in October.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 79—Exaltations, 403—Members, 2800. Publishes no report on foreign correspondence.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

(*Meets in February.*)

Reports No. Chapters, 22—Exaltations, 52—Members, 372. Publishes no report on foreign correspondence.

VIRGINIA.

(*Meets in December.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 47—No correct return of Exaltations and Members. The Committee on foreign correspondence state as follows:—"We agree heartily with Vermont (Report of 1857) that Committees on foreign correspondence are transcending their prescribed limits. We even go further, and think these

Reports are, in many cases, injurious, as provoking strife, recrimination and bitterness."

VERMONT.

(*Meets in August.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 13—Exaltations (no return)—Members, 731. The Committee remark that all the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada indicate the true spirit of faithful and excellent Companions, and we cordially extend to them the right hand of fellowship.

WISCONSIN.

(*Meets in February.*)

Reports No. of Chapters, 18—Exaltations, 80—Members, 589. The Committee recommend a fraternal recognition and cordial welcome to the Grand Chapter of Canada, and, on motion, the recommendation was adopted as the sentiments of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

Since the organization, therefore, of the Grand Chapter of Canada, copies of Proceedings have been received from *twenty-two* Grand Chapters of the United States, leaving only *eight*, with which, up to this date, we have not had the pleasure of direct communication, viz :—

Arkansas, Georgia, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee.

Arkansas and Michigan have fully recognized the Grand Chapter of Canada, as I find stated in the communications received from other Grand Chapters; while, from the same source, I discover that Massachusetts, looking upon us, as "*established and organized in direct violation of Masonic authority and usage*," declines recognition. As she, however, stands alone in her opinion, I conceive that it does not require to be specially combatted or deprecated. I am quite sure that I express the feeling of the Grand Chapter of Canada, in assuring Massachusetts, that we shall be well pleased, at any future period, to establish the most friendly intercourse with her, as a State whose friendship will, at all times, be valuable to Canadian and English Royal Arch Masons, for many reasons.

It is computed that the *number* of *Freemasons* in the *United States* is about 400,000, of which about 50,000 have been exalted to the Holy Royal Arch, and the Grand High Priests of the respective Grand Chapters report the Order to be every where in a state of progressive prosperity.

I cannot resist, before introducing other matters to your notice, bearing testimony to the kindly and Masonic tone of the

Proceedings thus briefly reviewed, and remarking that in the face of a contrariety of opinions and views, you will look in vain for one single sentence that can be construed into an allusion to the important wants, that now and then occur, and convulse and outwardly appear to threaten to shake to pieces the fabric of our powerful and energetic neighbor. This is as it should be. The tie that binds Freemasons is no ordinary one. Our time-honored Order has often stepped in and helped to alleviate the horrors and distresses attending upon war. The Indian has subdued his ferocity and thirst for blood in deference to its merciful power,—and who can limit the service it may render, should unhappily, the terrible evil of civil and national dissension be suffered to prevail amongst us?

The subject which I wish to submit next for your consideration is the *Constitution.* At the last annual Convocation a committee was appointed to revise it, and report thereon at the next meeting of Grand Chapter. The committee consisted of Companions residing at Quebec, Toronto, Brockville, Simcoe, Kingston and Belleville, and it must strike every one that, thus constituted, it was not very likely to meet, except in a hurried manner,—probably just before the assembling of Grand Chapter,—and, consequently, that any great amount of deliberation on the important matter intrusted to it could hardly be expected. A report should have been furnished to the Grand Scribe E, sixty days anterior to the meeting of Grand Chapter, in order that he might previously submit all proposed amendments to the various subordinate Chapters. This could not be done, and I am under the impression that, in future, the nomination to all committees of only two or three Companions, residing in immediate vicinity to each other, would be much more beneficial in every way. In the meantime, as your First Grand Principal for the time being, I beg to suggest some alterations in the Constitution, which I think are necessary and likely to prove of advantage. Their adoption of course rests with Grand Chapter. They are as follows:—

Of Grand Chapter—Art. 5.—Add at end—"The Grand Principal, Z., H., and J., must be First or Past First Principals, and the others (except the Janitor) Principals or Past Principals of a Chapter."

Art. 11.—Add at end—"In all cases where Summonses are issued, whether by Grand or Private Chapter, at least seven clear days' notice shall be given."

Of Grand Officers—Art. 1.—Omit as unnecessary. See—"The Grand Chapter, Art. 2, 3 and 4."

Art. 3.—Instead of "The Grand Superintendent of the District," read "the Senior Grand Superintendent of a District present," &c.

Of Grand Superintendents of Districts.— Art. 1.— Omit "seven in number," and read "The Grand Superintendent for each District, whose rank or seniority shall be as defined by the Grand Lodge of Canada, shall be nominated," &c.

Art. 5.—For "Warrants *to* be recommended," read "*must* be recommended," &c.

Grand Scribe E. and N.—Art. 1.—Omit "who shall be an Installed First Principal," &c., already provided for under the head "of Grand Chapter, Art. 5."

Of Grand Principal Sojourner, &c.,—Art. 2.—Omit as unnecessary.

Government of Subordinate Chapters—Art. 2.—For "confirm the said Dispensation *or* grant," &c., read "*and* grant," &c.

Of Subordinate Chapters—Art. 1.—For "three Sojourners, two Scribes and a Janitor," &c., read "two Scribes, three Sojourners, and a Janitor," &c.

Art. 4.—Instead of "by the Grand Z." read "by one of the Grand Principals, or Superintendents of Districts, or by some present or Past first Principal," and omit (as now done in England) the words "delegated for that purpose by the Grand Z."

Art. 6.—I think the First Principal should be an Installed Master or Pastmaster of a Lodge, but that is the only restriction I am in favor of,—as the law stands, it almost disfranchises some Chapters, is a serious drawback, and often prevents their opening and working. I do not find that Foreign Chapters suffer, by reason that they do not compel a regular gradation upwards of tenure of office. I therefore recommend that this Art. be altered as follows: "No Companion shall be eligible for the First Principal's chair, unless he be an Installed Master or Pastmaster of a regular Lodge,"—and omit the remaining portion altogether.

Art. 8.—At the end, for "as a *First* or Past Principal," read "as a *Principal* or Past Principal," &c.

Art. 12.—For "and discharge," &c., read "who shall discharge," &c.

Art. 14.—Add "Every Mark Master must select his mark within six months from the date of his taking the Degree, and a description of it shall be returned by his Chapter, for record by the Grand Scribe E."

Art. 16.—For "*twelve*" read "*three* Calendar months at least," and add "Except by Dispensation from the First Grand Principal, which shall not, however, be for a shorter period than four weeks."

With regard to this law as it stood, the Supreme Grand Chapter of England has seen and provided a remedy against its injurious effects, caused by other Grand Chapters having no restrictive rule, by so amending it, as to sanction the exaltation of candidates, in Chapters abroad, after four weeks, by dispensation. The dispensing power was confined to the First Grand Principal and Provincial Grand Superintendents, but a motion has recently been adopted (2nd November last) to the effect, that in Colonies where there is no Superintendent, Private Chapters shall have power to exalt in four weeks in cases of real necessity, the reasons for which shall be reported to the Supreme Grand Chapter, and the only proviso being, that in each case the three Principals of the Chapter agree to the emergency.

The Provincial Grand Superintendent for Bengal thus writes to the Grand Scribe E, of England,—"As no restrictive rule exists in the Scottish Chapter working in Calcutta, Brethren, desirous of exaltation to the Royal Arch, do not feel disposed to wait twelve months for it, and they naturally take the degree where they can obtain it with facility. Thus the Chapters working under the Supreme Grand Chapter of England are deserted, and will ultimately have to be closed, if a remedy be not applied speedily." And again—"I have deemed it absolutely necessary to authorise the exaltation of Brethren to the Royal Arch four weeks after receiving the degree of Master Mason; instead of considering that to be the *time of Emergency* only as directed by the Supreme Grand Chapter of England." These extracts I consider peculiarly applicable to the present position of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Art. 17.—Add "This is not, however, to extend to serving Companions, who may be exalted free of fee or charge; provided that a Dispensation be obtained from the First Grand Principal or Grand Superintendent of the District in which the candidate resides."

Art. 18.—After "Brethren exalted," insert "or Companions first joining from a foreign Chapter," &c., and add at the end "A memorandum shall be made on the margin of the certificate of the dates of taking the Degrees of Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Master."

The foregoing comprise the alterations I felt it to be my duty to suggest, and I recommend those affecting "*Subordinate Chapters—Art.* 6 *and* 16"—to your especial consideration.

Before I conclude, I must request you to consider the peculiar nature of the *present Convocation* of Grand Chapter. The constitution provides that the Election, &c., of all officers shall be holden in the *month of February*, at which the place of holding the next *Convocation* during the annual communication of the Grand Lodge may determine, at such hours as the M. E. Z. may appoint the next regular Convocation to be held in July 1860," and before the close of the Convocation, on motion, it was unanimously resolved—"That the next regular Convocation of this Grand Chapter be held in the city of London, subject, nevertheless, to the action of the Grand Lodge of Canada selecting the same place for its annual communication in A.D., 1860."

The Grand Lodge having decided to meet *next July at Ottawa*, there remains on my mind a doubt, as to whether the actual period for holding the Regular Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter and electing officers does not remain "in *statu quo*," and the present is therefore the constitutional time for carrying out the law, the place of meeting to be determined by me. It remains for Grand Chapter to solve this doubt, and proceed or not with the Elections, &c., according to the view taken of the law being in its normal condition or otherwise.

Finally, my Companions,—I cannot take leave, without tendering my thanks to you for raising me to my present high and honorable position, and assuring you that, should it now be your pleasure to exercise your prerogative by the election of a successor to my important office, I shall not deem myself at liberty to relax my personal exertions for the benefit of the Grand Chapter and our Order in general. Indeed it may be a proper matter for you to consider whether it would not be more advantageous for your First Grand Principal to be a Companion, whose residence is not so distant from you, as mine unfortunately is at present.

I would like to meet and take counsel with you on other points than those already mentioned in this Address, and one I cannot avoid making strong allusion to. It is the increasing propensity, which all must have observed, of making Freemasonry subservient to individual private interests. I allude specially to what I can only designate—"travelling *Pedlaring*"—under the *mantle* of our *Order*. With *Masonic Emblems* ostentatiously put forward, men systematically roam about, hawking their wares and whose claims to membership are not always scanned as closely and severely as they should be. I call this growing evil a prostitution and a degradation of our Institution, and I trust that all Companions will unite in discountenancing it as much as possible. Relief to distress must never be refused, but I do not hesitate to declare that quite a number of those, who thus travel,

are not in so great need, as many of the Companions and Brethren, who, from want of strict caution and due examination, they frequently impose upon. Exceptional instances there are of course, but these a little trouble will easily detect, and then a fair and honest purchase may save much misery.

Once again I beg to express my regret that I am unable, at this time, to shake you all by the hand. My heart is with you, and I pray the G. A. O. T. U. to spare us all yet a little while, to bestow his choicest blessings on you and yours, to grant prosperity to the Grand Chapter of Canada, and to preserve our Order, throughout the earth, by cementing it and us, to use our own emphatic language, with every moral and social virtue. So mote it be. I finish with that good old salutation—GOOD BY!

T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON, *G. Z.*,
Grand Chapter of Canada.

Quebec, 1st February, 1860.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[No. 1.]

(COPY.) TORONTO, Canada, 1st Aug., 1859.

MY LORD AND M. E. COMP..—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a communication, dated the 16th June last, from the Grand Scribe E. of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England to the Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, informing him that the Address of the latter to the former Body, on the subject of its recognition, &c., had been referred to the Three Grand Principals of England; who, "with every desire to preserve a friendly and fraternal intercourse with the Canadian Masons of every degree, could not consistently with their duty, entertain official relations with a Body, which holds as essential to admission into its pale, the possession of degrees, which are not recognized by the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Chapter of England."

At an Especial Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, this communication was laid before the Companions, and elicited from each and all an expression of unfeigned regret, arising not only from their anxiety to be in close communion with the Grand Chapter of England, but from disappointment; for they naturally concluded that as all difficulties connected with the *Grand Lodges* were happily arranged, the same satisfactory result would be easily matured as regarded the two Grand Chapters. The Companions, however, were impressed with the belief that the Grand Scribe's letter had been written under a misconception; and for the purpose of arriving at a speedy and correct solution, they

were pleased to authorise me, as their First Grand Principal, to communicate with your Lordship, and I do earnestly hope that success may attend my efforts, and that at the next meeting of the Grand Chapter of Canada I may be able to announce that there is not one single difficulty existing between the English and Canadian Craft of every Degree. I am personally encouraged to address your Lordship by my knowledge of your *individual* exertions to establish complete harmony.

To begin, then. The Grand Chapter of Canada cannot comprehend how the introduction of certain intermediate Degrees (absolutely necessary on this side of the Atlantic, and without the possession of which no R. A. Mason can enter a Chapter in the United States of America, where our Masonic intercourse is continuous) can cause the Grand Principals of England to decline recognition and the establishment of regular official relations between the two Bodies, inasmuch as England does not repudiate Ireland and Scotland, who sanction and work very nearly the same intermediate Degrees that the Grand Chapter of Canada authorises.

The Laws of the Grand Chapter of Ireland declare that—" the Degree of Mark Master Mason shall be practised under the jurisdiction and protection of the Grand R. A. Chapter, and by such Lodges only as have R. A. Warrants,"—and what are called the Exct. and Supreme Exct. Degrees form a portion of the R. A. Ceremony.

The Laws of the Grand Chapter of Scotland are more peremptory still, for they declare that—" no one shall be exalted to the R. A. Degree until he has received the Degrees of Mark Master and Past Master; (both of these being Chair Master's Degrees) as also the Exct. Master's Degree, (containing in it the three points commonly called in Scotland, the Exct., Super. Exct. and the R. A.") Scotland also empowers all Chapters—" to grant the Degrees of Mark, Past, Exct. and R. A.,—as also the Royal Ark Mariner and the Babylonish Pass, which last is commonly but erroneously called the Red Cross, and is composed of three points—Knight of the Sword, Knight of the East, and Knight of the East and West."

The Chapters of the United States oblige all Companions (English or otherwise) to take the three intermediate Degrees, before permitting them even to be present at the R. A. Degree. This is called "*healing*." I am not able to say whether the Grand Chapter of England holds official intercourse with any of the Grand Chapters of the United States.

Taking these well known facts into its consideration, the Grand Chapter of Canada came to the natural conclusion that the Grand

Principals of England, when they directed the Grand Scribe E. to write the words—"*as essential to admission into its pale*,"—must have been under the impression that before a R. A. Mason hailing under England could enter a Canadian Chapter, the possession of the intermediate Degrees was imperative.

My Lord,—If this impression prevails, I assure you it is founded in error. English R. A. Masons can enter our Chapters as freely, and will be received as cordially, as though no such intermediate Degrees never had existence. Should they apply for Membership, they would (when accepted) become amenable to our Constitution, and the conferring of the intermediate Degrees would follow as a matter of course; but their standing as R. A. Masons would not be affected one iota thereby.

I do hope I make my meaning plain,—that your Lordship and the other Grand Principals, and, through you, the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, will be satisfied, and that the natural yearning of the Grand Chapter of Canada for your recognition will meet with speedy and complete gratification.

I send to you, M. E. Companion, the printed proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada, which will afford you more information than can be comprised in the compass of a letter, and I would request your special reference to portions thereof at pages 5, 13 and 16, and to our Constitution printed at length with the proceedings. At page 52 your Lordship will find our recognition by the Grand Chapter of Ireland, and the Grand Chapter of Scotland has recently addressed a most gratifying communication to us, a copy of which I transmit.

In conclusion, I cannot help repeating that I do most earnestly hope and trust, that the objection entertained by the Grand Principals of the Grand Chapter of England will now cease to exist; that our proffered right hand of fellowship, M. E. Companion, will at once and for ever be cordially grasped, as it is heartily extended; and that the hearts of the Canadian Companions (my own included) will speedily be gladdened by the receipt *from old England* of a satisfactory communication to that effect in reply to this one.

With sentiments of sincere esteem for your Lordship personally, believe me ever to remain, my Lord and M. E. Comp.,

Yours most respectfully and fraternally,

T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON, G. Z.,
Grand Chapter of Canada.

The Right Honble.
THE EARL OF ZETLAND,
M. E., 1st Grand Principal,
Supreme Grand Chapter of England.

[No. 2.]

(Copy.) FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W. C.,
7th October, 1859.

MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION,—

Referring to your communication addressed to the Most Excellent the First Grand Principal, the Earl of Zetland, relative to the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Canada by the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, I am commanded by his Lordship to state, that in a matter of so much importance it is essential that the most careful consideration should be given to the case in all its bearings; that at this season of the year his Lordship and the other Grand Principals are away from London, and that one of them is not at this present time in England; and that it is probable they may deem it expedient to refer the matter back to the Grand Chapter before any definite reply is given to your letter.

In the meantime I am directed to require the favor of your affording some precise information as to the position and privileges of Royal Arch Masons under our Constitution who may visit Chapters holding under the Grand Chapter of Canada, and regarding which some uncertainty exists in this country. I am more especially to ascertain whether an Installed Principal under our Constitution is permitted to enter any one of your Chapters, to be present at the opening, and to remain and witness the whole of your ceremonies from the opening to the closing of the Chapter; or whether, when an exaltation is about to take place, he is not called upon to retire on the ground that Degrees, essential to Royal Arch Masonry as practised in Canada but unknown to him, are to be conferred; and whether he is not kept out of the Chapter until the termination of such intermediate ceremonies, and only re-admitted to witness the closing of the Chapter.

I have to state in conclusion that, inasmuch as the Grand Lodge of Canada has been fully recognized by the Grand Lodge of England, it is the earnest desire of all parties in this country to maintain the most friendly intercourse with Masons of all grades in Canada; but it is felt desirable that the fullest information should be obtained as to the position of Royal Arch Masons under the English Constitution before any decisive step is taken to establish official relations with the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Trusting, therefore, to your courtesy to convey the desired information, I have the honor to be,

Most Excellent Companion,
Your obedient servant and Brother,
WM. GRAY CLARKE, *G.S.E.*

T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON, ESQ., *Z.*
Grand Chapter of Canada, Toronto.

[No. 3.]

(Copy.) Quebec, Canada, 20th Dec., 1859.

Dear Sir and E. Companion,—

I have to acknowledge your communication of the 7th of October last. and must apologize for not replying to it sooner; but as you state that the question relative to the complete recognition of the Grand Chapter of Canada will probably be referred back to the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, before a definite decision is arrived at, which I am aware cannot be done before February next, I was desirous of consulting the Grand Scribe E, who was in possession of the previous correspondence, and for this I had plenty of time before me. Circumstances, however, connected with the removal of the Government from Toronto to this city and my own health, which required looking after, prevented my seeing the Grand Scribe, Companion T. B. Harris, at Hamilton, until a fortnight since. Both he and I felt rather at a loss what further information I could furnish, inasmuch as in my former letter to the M. E., the First Grand Principal of England, I distinctly assured him that English Royal Arch Masons could enter and remain in our Chapters as freely as though certain intermediate Degrees, (deemed expedient here) had never existed.

Will you now be so good as to explain to the M. E., the First Grand Principal, the Earl of Zetland, that those intermediate Degrees, (viz: Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master) although under the control of, are not conferred in Chapter at all. They are preliminary and are worked at separate times, each Degree having its distinct opening and closing as a *Lodge*. The Royal Arch Chapter (par excellence) is opened as in England. Candidates *for Exaltation* give evidence of their knowledge of the three intermediate Degrees, but not Companion Visitors. It is only necessary for these last to prove themselves Royal Arch Masons. Therefore any English Royal Arch Mason, whether an installed Principal or not, can enter any one of our Chapters as freely as his own, be present at the opening and remain and witness the whole ceremony of Exaltation, and assist at the closing of the Chapter. He need not retire therefrom for one moment, unless by his own desire made known in the usual manner. You may rely on the correctness of this, and I do earnestly hope that what I have now written will remove all uncertainty and difficulty.

I can think of nothing further, except to assure you of the anxiety of the Grand Chapter of Canada and myself, as its temporary Head, for the establishment of the most lasting and sincere cordiality between the two Bodies.

I hope I shall hear from you very soon, and would request you to address me here. Your last letter went to Toronto in the first instance. Wishing you the old English compliments of the season —a merry Xmas and happy New Year, believe me, dear Sir, and Ex. Companion,

Yours very fraternally,

T. DOUGAS HARINGTON, *G. Z.*
Grand Chapter of Canada.

Excellent Companion,
WM. GRAY CLARKE, ESQ.,
Grand Scribe E., &c., &c., &c.

The M. E. Z. appointed the following Companions a special committee, to take into consideration the various subjects contained in the Address and Report thereon to Grand Chapter at an early hour, viz: R. E. Companion J. C. Franck, E. Companions W. H. Pardey, and E. Heathfield.

The following report from the Grand Superintendent for the Toronto District was read :—

REPORT:

To the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

In compliance with the requirements of Grand Chapter I beg to submit a report of my proceedings since my appointment to the office of Superintendent of the Toronto District.

Having only two Chapters, viz., the St. Andrew's and King Solomon's R. A. Chapters, under my charge, and both of these meeting in the city of Toronto, the duties of my office have been necessarily light, indeed confined entirely to occasional visits, during which it has given me much pleasure and gratification to witness the excellence of the work, it being strictly in accordance with the ritual adopted by Grand Chapter—they are also in a very prosperous condition, and have recently made large additions to their numbers. It gives me great pleasure to report both these Chapters in a highly efficient state.

Whilst, however, the Chapters in this District, under the Grand Chapter, are in this flourishing and satisfactory condition, it is my duty to report that the unity of the order is to some extent broken by the existence of St. John's R. A. Chapter,

hailing from the Grand Chapter of Scotland—this Chapter is also in a very prosperous condition, and it is much to be regretted that all attempts that have been made to induce the Companions composing this Chapter to affiliate with your Grand Body have proved unsuccessful—their plea for not doing so is that the Grand Chapter of Scotland gives them power to confer several degrees not known to this Grand Chapter, and further, that it does not require fees of any kind from them. I refer to these matters as not unimportant, and in the hope that Grand Chapter will take the subject into its serious consideration.

One other matter requiring, in my opinion, the immediate action of this Grand Body, arises from an intimation made to me by a Companion correctly informed on the subject, that an application is about to be made by certain Companions exalted in the St. John's Chapter of Toronto, to the Grand Chapter of Scotland, for a warrant to hold a Chapter in the town of Whitby; whether this application will or will not be successful, I am unable to say, as I am not aware of the relations subsisting between the Grand Chapter of Scotland and this Grand Chapter, but I presume that should such an attempt prove successful this Grand Body could not recognize any such organization, for whilst the Canadian Chapters are prepared to recognize all Chapters in existence and hailing from either of the Grand Chapters of England, Ireland and Scotland, at the time of the formation of this Grand Chapter, yet the interests of the craft imperatively demand that no new Chapters shall in future be recognized, unless emanating from and under the authority of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

All of which I have the honor to submit,

FRANCIS RICHARDSON,
Grand Superintendent, Toronto District.

Toronto, Feb. 7, 1860.

The report was received and ordered to be printed with the proceedings.

Report of the Grand Superintendent for the Central District:

REPORT:

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

M. E. Council, Officers and Companions,—

I have the honor to submit the following annual Report, as required by the Constitution of this Grand Chapter. When at

the last annual Convocation I was honored with the appointment of Grand Superintendent for the Central District, I had only two Chapters in the District, namely, "The Ancient Frontenac" Chapter of Kingston and the "Moira" Chapter of Belleville, both working in accordance with the established ritual of England.

The first named being the oldest Chapter in the Province, requires no commendation at my hands, it ranks amongst its members a great number of the old veterans of the Craft, and that distinguished Mason the R. E. the second Grand Principal, Companion S. D. Fowler, I need hardly add that their work deserves the highest wages, the approbation of the Craft.

The latter, although established but a few years, bids fair to become a model Chapter under this jurisdiction, the skill of the Officers, and the laudable enthusiasm of the Companions, is bound to accord to their Chapter a high position in the Craft. No Chapter has as yet been established nearer east than Kingston, or west than Toronto, and no doubt exists that the number of members, already large, must be greatly increased every year.

During the past year an old Irish Warrant, attached to the Duke of Leinster Lodge No. 283, in the city of Kingston, was revived by a Dispensation of affiliation under the name of "Cataraqui Chapter," I recommended their application to the M. E. the First Grand Principal only after personal and anxious examination concerning the requirements of the Craft in that city, and in asking at your hands a Warrant of Confirmation I may safely promise that the granting thereof will be followed by the most salutary results to the order in that city. A new Chapter was also opened during the month of January, called the "Carlton Chapter," at the city of Ottawa, for which I now beg to apply for a warrant of Constitution, I need only mention the names of the First Principal of this Chapter, namely, Excellent Companion, Col. W. J. B. McLeod Moore, to enlist the unanimous vote of the members of this Grand Chapter. To my great regret I was unable to attend the opening of this Chapter, the Companions however were much better served by the attendance of the R. E., the second Grand Principal, and other distinguished members of the Ancient Frontenac Chapter of Kingston.

All the other Chapters I have visited during the year with much pleasure to myself, and here express the most sincere gratitude to the Companions for the kind reception they have at all times accorded me.

The means of promulgating the ritual adopted by this Grand Chapter at its last annual Convocation, will, I doubt not, engage your attention during the present Session, as the general want

of knowledge of the work so established is at present most severely felt.

I cannot close this report without mentioning the attention which all my communications have received at the office of the Grand Scribe E., and which attention has not only much encouraged but greatly assisted me in my humble efforts for the benefit of Royal Arch Masonry in the Central District.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

J. C. FRANCK,
Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons,
Central District.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER,
Hamilton, February 8th, 1860.

The report was received and ordered to be printed with the proceedings.

It was moved by R. E. Companion J. C. Franck, seconded R. E. Companion Thos. B. Harris, and unanimously adopted,—

That Warrants of affiliation be issued with the least possible delay, to the Cataraqui Chapter, Kingston, and the Independent Chapter, Quebec, on the same terms as the previously affiliating Chapters.

It was moved by R. E. Companion J. C. Franck, seconded by R. E. Companion Thos. B. Harris, and

Resolved,—That Warrants of Constitution be granted to the undermentioned Chapters under Dispensation, viz :—

Wilson Chapter—Windsor,
Wawanosh Chapter—Sarnia,
Carlton Chapter—Ottawa.

A memorial from a number of Companions, praying for a Warrant of Constitution to open a new Chapter in the town of St. Johns, to be named the "Dorchester" Chapter, and also

A memorial from a number of Companions, praying for a Warrant of Constitution to open a new Chapter in the town of Woodstock, to be named the "Oxford" Chapter, was read and submitted to the Grand Chapter.

It was on motion

Resolved,—That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the Grand Scribe E. be empowered to prepare the Warrants with the least possible delay.

The M. E. Z. announced that the Election of Grand officers would be the first business in order for the afternoon session.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sittings at 2.30 o'clock, P.M.

The Grand Principals on the Throne.

Grand officers and Representatives.

The M. E. Z. appointed the following Companions as scruineers, viz: R. E. Companion Kivas Tully, R. E. Companion S. B. Harman, and E. Companion W. R. Harris.

The election of officers for the ensuing Masonic term was proceeded with, and the following Companions were declared duly elected :—

M. E. Companion		T. Douglas Harington, re-elected	Grand Z.
R. "	"	Samuel B. Harman,	" H.
" "	"	Alfred A. Campbell,	" J.
" "	"	Thos. Bird Harris, re-elected	G. Scribe E.
" "	"	Edwin Heathfield,	" " N.
" "	"	W. J. Spicer, Grand Principal Sojourner.	
" "	"	James A. Henderson, Grand Treasurer.	
" "	"	Thos. J. Angel, Grand Registrar.	

Grand Superintendents, by the Chapters of their respective Districts :—

M. E. Companion		Thompson Wilson,	London District.
R. "	"	Thomas Duggan,	Hamilton "
" "	"	Francis Richardson,	Toronto "
" "	"	Jno. C. Franck,	Central "

It was moved by R. E. Companion J. C. Franck, seconded by R. E. Companion Thomas Duggan, and unanimously adopted,

That the Grand Scribe E. be allowed a salary of $300, for his efficient services during the past year.

The M. E. Z. appointed R. E. Companion E. Heathfield, Thomas Duggan, and G. W. Whitehead, a committee to audit the Books and Accounts of the G. S. E.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

THURSDAY, February 9, 1860.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sittings at 11 o'clock, A. M.

M. E.	Companion	Thompson Wilson,	as Grand	Z.
R. E.	„	Thomas Duggan,	as „	H.
M. E.	„	Wm. Mercer Wilson,	as „	J.

On the Throne.

Officers and Representatives.

The Special Committee appointed to consider the subjects in the M. E. Z's address, submitted the following

REPORT

To the M. E. Grand Principals, Officers and Membres of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Your Special Committee to whom was referred the address of the M. E. Z., most respectfully beg leave to report—

That they join in the regret expressed by the M. E. Grand First Principal, at his inability to be present at this Convocation of Grand Chapter, and they doubt not that only the importance of private avocations could have occasioned his absence.

Your Committee are much pleased to observe the prosperous condition of the Royal Craft in this province, and fully concur in the recommendation that Warrants should be granted to the four Chapters under dispensation.

It affords your Committee much pleasure and satisfaction to learn the recognition of this Grand Chapter by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, as also that the objections to a cordial recognition which were at first advanced by the Supreme Grand Chapter of England have been most satisfactorily

explained in the correspondence of our M. E. Z., and that its recognition may be confidently anticipated before many weeks are passed.

Your Committee observe with evident satisfaction that the M. E. Z. has embraced a review of the proceedings of twenty two of our sister Grand Chapters of the United States, who have fraternally exchanged sentiments with us, during the past year; the labor attached thereto has doubtless been a severe tax upon his valuable time, for which the thanks of this Grand Chapter are most especially due.

With reference to those Grand Chapters which have as yet delayed a recognition, your Committee have no desire to express other than the most fraternal and friendly feelings, nothing doubting but that when all the circumstances of our position have been fully and fairly considered, a warm and hearty recongition will be promptly accorded.

Your Committee fully approve of the sentiments annunciated by the M. E. Z., on the subject of the formation of new Chapters in Canada. This Grand Chapter cannot possibly give countenance to other Chapters than those organized by and under its own sanction, all others are, and must be, looked upon as irregular, consequently no communication can be held with such, and your Committee feel fully persuaded that after the cordial manner in which the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland has recognized the authority of this Grand Chapter, it would never be instrumental in fostering or encouraging a feeling that would be the means of spreading dissention and discord in our midst.

Your Committee are of opinion that the notice of motion given by R. E. Companion J. C. Franck, at the last annual convocation, with reference to the future assembling of this Grand Body, in no manner affects this convocation, and for the present its adoption is considered to be prejudicial to the best interests of this Grand Chapter.

It is a well known fact that our order has of late been made to serve the base ends of designing knaves who have thrust themselves upon the unwary with the most insinuating manners, bedaubed with symbols they could lay no just claim to wear, thereby hoping to advance their worldly interest, prostituting the institution to base and unworthy purposes, and your Committee fully support the recommendation of the M. E. Z., that all true and zealous masons should exert every means in their power to discountenance such an unwarrantable imposition on the order.

All of which is submitted,

J. C. FRANCK, *Chairman.*

It was moved by M. E. Companion Wm. Mercer Wilson, seconded by R. E. Companion Thomas Duggan,

That the report from the Special Committee on the matters contained in the M. E. Z.'s address be received and adopted.

The Grand Scribe E., submitted the following statement of monies received during the past year:

Thomas B. Harris, Grand S. E., in account current with the Grand Chapter.

Dr.

		$	cts.
1859.			
Feb'y,	To Cash on hand.	17	52
Mar. 4	" Wilson Chapter, Windsor, per Dispensation.....	40	00
	" " " " Dis. per Exaltation	5	00
Ju'e 18	" Independent " Quebec, per Dues in advance..	20	00
July 2	" Frontenac " Kingston " Certificate.....	3	00
Oct. 4	" Kilwinning " London " Warrant	10	00
1860.			
Jan.	" Wawanosh " Sarnia " Dispensation.....	40	00
" 30	" St. George's " London " Dues and 2 Certifi'e	6	00
Feb. 4	" Dorchester " St. Johns " Dispensation... ..	40	00
	Balance due G. S. E. carried forward	44	58
		$226	10

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		$	cts.
1859.			
	By Cash paid for postages, &c., to the 7th February, 1860	11	90
July,	" " Kneeshaw & Co.'s account.....	2	45
"	" " For Letter Copy Book.....	2	75
"	" " Janitor, for his attendance at Kingston	8	00
	" " For letter file.....	1	00
	" " Vote of Grand Chapter to the G. S. E. for services	200	00
	$	226	10
	" Balance due G. S. E. .....$	44	58

The auditors beg leave to report that they have examined the Books and Accounts of the Grand Scribe E., and find them correct.

(Signed) EDWIN HEATHFIELD,
THOMAS DUGGAN,
G. W. WHITEHEAD.

On motion of M. E. Comp. W. M. Wilson, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. Bellhouse, the auditors' report was received and adopted.

A letter from the Golden Rule Chapter, Stanstead, having been read, it was submitted to the consideration of Grand Chapter, and the Grand Scribe E. was instructed to communicate with the First Principal of the Chapter on the subject of its contents.

The preparation of the Certificates and Warrants was referred back to the Committee, with instructions to complete them at the earliest possible date.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, seconded by M. E. Comp. Wilson, and unanimously adopted,—

That the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter be held at the town of Belleville.

It was on motion resolved,—

That copies of the proceedings of this Grand Convocation be printed and circulated in the usual manner.

The Grand Scribe E. was directed to pay the *Spectator's* printing account as submitted, amounting to $78.50.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Heathfield, seconded by R. E. Comp. T. Duggan, and adopted,—

That Comp. James Geen, Janitor of the Moira Chapter, No. 7, Belleville, be elected Grand Janitor.

R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris gave the following notice of motion as an amendment to the Constitution,—

That at the next Annual Convocation, he would move that the Grand Janitor be elected from the Chapter in the place where it is decided to hold the Grand Annual Convocation.

The M. E. Z. has been pleased to make the following appointments to office for the ensuing Masonic year :—

V. E. Comp.	Wm. H. Pardey,	Grand	1st Assist. Sojourner.
" " "	Wm. H. Ponton,	"	2nd " "
" " "	R. Pope	"	Sword Bearer.
" " "	Jeremiah Taylor,	"	Standard Bearer.
" " "	Wm. R. Harris,	"	Director of Ceremonies.
" " "	H. J. Martin ...	"	Organist.
" " "	George Masson..	"	Pursuivant.
" " "	E. J. Barker	"	Stewards.
" " "	Daniel Spry	"	Stewards.
" " "	Thos. Mackie ..	"	Stewards.
" " "	Thos. Hookey ..	"	Stewards.

The elected Grand Officers present were duly installed and proclaimed.

The business of the Grand Chapter being finished, it was closed in *ample* form.

[ATTEST.]

Thos. B. Harris

G. S. E.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Convocation, of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Ottawa, on Friday, the 13th day of July, A. L. 5860, A. D. 1860,—

PRESENT:

M. E. Comp. T. Douglas Harington, G. Z.
R. " " Samuel B. Harman, G. H.
" " " Samuel D. Fowler, as G. J. on the Throne.
R. E. Comp. Thos. Bird Harris, Grand Scribe, E.
" " " W. B. Simpson, as " " N.
" " " George Masson, as " P. Sojourner.
" " " James A. Henderson, " Treasurer.
" " " Thos. J. Angel, " Registrar.
V. " " J. J. Barrows, as " 1st Assist. Soj.
" " " James Seymour, as " 2nd Assist. "
" " " J. Salmon, as " Pursuivant.
" J. Sweetman, as " Janitor.

VISITING.

Comp. Cyril Pearl, State of Maine.
E. " A. De Grassie, Z. St. John's, Chapter, S. R.

A Constitutional number of Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter was opened in *ample* form.

The Grand Scribe E. reported the following Representatives from duly warranted Chapters present, whom he recommended to be admitted and to take part in the proceedings of Grand Chapter:

No. 1. ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

R. E. Comp. James A. Henderson, P. Z.
" " " Samuel D. Fowler, P. Z.
" " Geo. F. La Serre, P. Z.
" " " W. B. Simpson, P. G. Supt.

No. 2. THE HIRAM CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, P. Z. Rep.
" " George W. Whitehead.

No. 4. ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

R. E. Comp. S. B. Harman, Z.
" Christopher Burrell.

No. 5. ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

M. E. Comp. Thompson Wilson, Z.

No. 6. ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

M. E. Comp. T. D. Harington, G. Z.
R. E. " Thos. B. Harris, P. Z. and Rep.
" James Seymour.

No. 12. CATARAQUI CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

R. E. Comp. Thos. J. Angel, Z.

No. 15. WAWANOSH CHAPTER, SARNIA.

V. E. Comp. George Masson, H.

No. 16. CARLETON CHAPTER, OTTAWA.

E. Comp. W. J. B. McLeod Moore, Z.

The Report from the Grand Scribe E., on Credentials, was received and adopted.

The M. E. Z. granted permission for all visiting Companions in good standing to be admitted.

The M. E. Z. informed the Grand Chapter that he had directed the Grand Scribe E. to issue the notice convening this Especial Convocation of Grand Chapter for the purpose of considering the amendments to the Constitution, as submitted in his address, at the last Annual Convocation, printed copies of such proposed alterations having been transmitted to the various Chapters.

The amendments to the Constitution were considered *seriatim* and the following were declared adopted :—

THE GRAND CHAPTER.

ART. V.—Add at end : "The Grand Principals, Z. H. and J., must be First or Past First Principals, and the other elective officers (except the Janitor) Principals or Past Principals of a Chapter."

ART. XI.—Add at end : "In all cases where summonses are issued, whether by Grand or Private Chapter, at least seven clear days' notice shall be given."

OF GRAND OFFICERS.

ART. I.—Instead of "*and with the elective Grand Officers to be*," &c., read "*who* with the elective Grand Officers *are* to be,"&c.

OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS.

ART. I.—Omit the words, "*seven in number.*"

ART. V.—For "*to* be recommended," read "*must* be," &c.

OF GRAND SCRIBES E. & N.

ART. I.—Omit twice the word "*First.*"

OF PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER, &C.

ART. II.—Omit on two last lines the word "*First.*"

GOVERNMENT OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

ART. I.—For the words at end, "*or* grant," &c., read "*and* grant," &c.

OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

ART. I.—For "*three Sojourners, two Scribes*," &c., read "*two* Scribes, *three* Sojourners," &c.

ART. IV.—For, "*by the First Grand Principal*," &c., read "by one of the Grand Principals, or Grand Superintendents of Districts, or by some present or past First Principal of a Chapter," omitting the words, "*delegated for that purpose*, &c."

ART.VI.—To read as follows after the word "*Chair :*" "unless he be an Installed Master or Past Master of a regular Lodge, nor until he has served in the second Principal's chair for twelve months; nor for the second, until he has served in the third

Principal's chair for twelve months, except by special dispensation from the first Grand Principal;" omitting the rest "as relating to the Scribes and principal Sojourner."

ART. VIII.—At the end, for "as a *First* or Past Principal," read "as a *Principal* or Past Principal," &c.

ART. XII.—For "*and* discharge," read "*who shall* discharge," &c.

ART. XIV.—Add at end: "Every Mark Master must select his mark within six months from the date of his taking the degree, and a description of it shall be returned by his Chapter for record by the Grand Scribe E."

ART. XVI.—For "*twelve*," read "*three*," and add at end, "except by dispensation from the first Grand Principal, which shall not, however, be for a shorter period than four weeks."

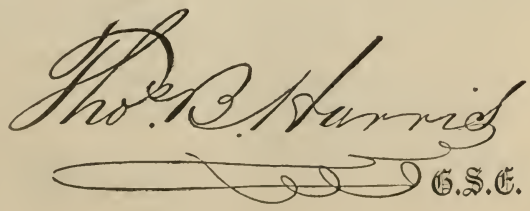
ART. XVII.—Add at end: "This is not, however, to extend to serving Companions, who may be exalted free of charge, provided that a dispensation be obtained from the first Grand Principal or Grand Superintendent of the District in which the candidate resides."

ART. XVIII.—After the word "*exalted*," insert "and Companions first joining from a Foreign Chapter," &c.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. S. B. Harman, seconded by R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, and unanimously adopted.

That the proposed alterations to the Constitution as submitted for the consideration and action of the various Subordinate Chapters, by the M. E. Z. at the last annual Convocation, and as now amended, be confirmed.

The labors of Grand Chapter being ended, it was closed in *ample* form, with solemn prayer.



G.S.E.

APPENDIX.

Since the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, the following letter has been received at Quebec by the M. E. Z., from the Grand Scribe E., of the Grand Chapter of England, by which it will be seen that the assumed difficulties, to a full and fraternal recognition, have been amply explained, and that now the most harmonious feelings exist between the two Grand Chapters :

"FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W. C.
"February 10, 1860.

"MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION,

"I have the honor to inform you that your letter of the 20th December last, received the 10th ultimo, has been duly submitted to the consideration of the three Grand Principals of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England.

"They are gratified to find that no obstacle now interposes to prevent official relations being established between the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, and the Grand Chapter of Canada, and relying on your assurance that Royal Arch Masons under the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of England, whether installed Principles or not, can enter any of the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada, be present at the opening, and remain and witness the whole ceremony of exaltation, and assist at the closing, and that they need not retire for one moment, unless at their own desire, although they are not in possession of those *intermediate degrees* of Mark, Past Master and Most Excellent, which are deemed essential to be taken by all candidates for exaltation in Canada, previous to admission to the degree of the Holy Royal Arch. I am instructed to state that in the name and on behalf of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, they—the Grand Principals—fully recognize the Grand Chapter of Canada, reserving, however, to all Chapters now in Canada, who are still holding charters under the Grand Chapter of England, as also to all English Royal Arch Masons, all their rights, titles and privileges, as fully and freely as though the Grand Chapter of Canada had not been formed.

"I have the honor to be,
"Most Excellent Companion,
"Your Faithful Servant and Brother,
"WM. GRAY CLARKE,
"*G.S.E.*"

"T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON, ESQ.,
"*Grand Z. Grand Chapter of Canada,*
"Quebec."

CONSTITUTION AND GENERAL REGULATIONS

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ORDER OF

Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

AMENDED BY THE GRAND CHAPTER, JULY A.I. 2390.—A. D. 1860.

[In all cases which are not specially provided by the following Laws and Regulations, the Order of Royal Arch Masons of Canada shall be considered as bound by the Constitutions of Free and Accepted Masons, and its proceedings shall be regulated thereby, as nearly as circumstances will permit.]

THE GRAND CHAPTER.

I. The members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada rank in the following order :—

The Grand Z.
Past " "
The " H.
Past " "
The " J.
Past " "
Grand Superintendents of Districts.
Past " "
Grand Scribe, E.
" " N.
Past Grand Scribes, E. and N.
Grand Principal Sojourner.
Past " "
Grand Treasurer.
Past "

Grand Registrar.
Past "
Grand First Assistant Sojourner.
Past " " "
Grand Second " "
Past " " "
Grand Sword Bearer.
Past " "
Grand Standard Bearer.
Past " "
Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Past " "
Grand Organist.
Past "
Associate Members.
The Three Principals of every subordinate Chapter.
Past Z., H., and J. of every subordinate Chapter.
Grand Pursuivant.
Past "
Grand Janitor.

II. The Officers of the Grand Chapter shall be respectively elected or appointed, as hereinafter provided, and hold their offices for one year, or until their successors shall have been regularly elected or appointed, and installed.

The election and appointment of all officers shall take place at the Annual Convocation, when all officers of the Grand Chapter shall be duly installed and invested in ancient form.

III. The following Officers shall be elected, viz.:

By ballot of the Grand Chapter,—

The Most Excellent Grand Z,
" Right Excellent, Grand H.
" " " " J.
" " " " Scribes, E. and N.
" " " " Principal Sojourner.
" " " " Treasurer.
" " " " Registrar.

By an open vote of the Grand Chapter,—

The Grand Janitor.

By the Representatives of the Chapters of their respective Districts present at the Annual Convocation, subject to the confirmation of the Grand Z.—

The Right Excellent the Grand Superintendents of Districts.

IV. The following officers shall be appointed by the Grand Z.

The V. E. Grand First Assistant Sojourner.
" " " Second Assistant Sojourner.
" " " Sword Bearer.
" " " Standard Bearer.
" " " Director of Ceremonies.
" " " Organist.
" " " Pursuivant.
Four " " Stewards.

V. The elective officers, except the Janitor, to be chosen by ballot, shall require a majority of all the votes present. The Grand Principals Z. H. and J. must be First or Past First Principals and the other Officers, except the Janitor, Principals, or Past Principals of a Chapter.

VI. Should neither of the Representative Officers, or Past Z. of a Chapter, attend any Convocation of the Grand Chapter, such Chapter, by a vote properly certified by the First Principal and Scribe, E., under seal, may delegate any Companion entitled to a seat in the Grand Chapter to represent their Chapter, but no Companion can represent more than three Chapters.

VII. The Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Wardens for the time being, provided they are companions of the Order, on account of their rank in the Craft, shall be Associate Members of the Grand Chapter.

VIII. Every Companion, elected or appointed to office in the Grand Chapter, shall, during his period of office, be a subscribing Member of some regular subordinate Chapter ;

and any Past Grand Officer or member, (who shall for twelve months continuously cease to be a subscribing Member of some subordinate Chapter) shall be disqualified from attending the Grand Chapter—such disqualification to continue until he shall have again become and continue to be a subscribing Member of some regular subordinate Chapter.

IX. Should a vacancy occur in any office of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Z. shall nominate a qualified Companion to supply the place, *pro tempore.*

X. The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter shall be held on the third Wednesday in February, at which the place of holding the next Convocation shall be decided.

XI. The Grand Z. may convene Grand Chapters of Emergency when necessary. The reason for convening a Chapter of Emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting. In all cases where summonses are issued whether by Grand or private Chapter, at least seven clear days' notice shall be given.

XII. The Grand Director of Ceremonies shall, at every meeting of the Grand Chapter, attend without the entrance for the purpose of guarding under the superintendance of the Grand Pursuivant, against the admission of any but those who are qualified, and have their proper clothing and jewels, and have signed their names to the accustomed papers, and are, in all respects entitled to admission.

XIII. If, at any Grand Chapter, stated or occasional, any of the Grand Principals be absent, the chair shall be filled by the Grand Officer next in rank and seniority who may be present, provided he be an installed Present or Past First Principal of any regular subordinate Chapter.

XIV. An annual Report of the transactions of the Grand Chapter, with an account of the funds and property belonging to it, shall be printed without delay and transmitted to every member of the Grand Chapter, and to every subordinate Chapter, immediately after the general Convocation in February.

XV. When the Grand Lodge, or any other competent authority in the Craft, shall suspend or expel any Brother who is a Royal Arch Mason, the Grand Chapter shall immediately, on such suspension or expulsion being communicated to it by the Grand Principals, or any of them, proceed to consider and decide whether such Companion shall be suspended or expelled from his Arch-Masonic functions for the period whilst such Craft suspension or expulsion continues in force.

XVI. Should any Chapter have neglected to make its returns and payments to the Grand Chapter for the space of one year, the Principals and Past Principals of such Chapter shall not be permitted to attend any meeting of the Grand Chapter until such returns and payment have been completed.

XVII. Companions of eminence and ability, who have rendered service to the Craft, may, by a vote of the Grand Chapter, be constituted members of the Grand Chapter, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper.

REGULATIONS

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GRAND CHAPTER, DURING THE TIME OF PUBLIC BUSINESS.

Which are to be read at every Convocation thereof.

I. The Grand Chapter being opened, and the Regulations having been read, the Minutes of the last Annual Convocation, and of any intervening Grand Chapter, are then to be put for confirmation; then any communication from the Grand Principals, or any of them, shall be read and proceeded with; then any reports from any Committee shall be read; after which, the other business shall be regularly proceeded with.

II. All matters are to be decided by a majority of votes, each Chapter having three votes, and each Past First Principal one vote; each Officer and member of the Grand Chapter, (except the Grand Janitor) not otherwise entitled

to vote, shall have one vote, and the presiding Officer one vote, and in case of a tie he shall also have a casting vote; unless the Grand Chapter, for the sake of expedition, shall think proper to leave any particular subject to the determination of the presiding Officer. The votes of the Members are to be signified by each holding out one of his hands, which hands the Grand Scribes are to count, unless the presiding Officer shall declare the numbers so unequal as to render the counting unnecessary.

III. Whenever the presiding officer shall call to order, there shall be general silence.

IV. All Members shall keep their seats, except the Grand Scribes, the Principal Sojourner, and the Grand Director of Ceremonies, who are allowed to move about from place to place in the discharge of their duties.

V. No Companion shall speak twice to the same question, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply.

VI. Every Companion who speaks shall rise and remain standing addressing himself to the presiding officer; and no Companion shall interrupt him, except to speak to order, or the presiding Officer to call him to order; but after he has been set right he may proceed, if he observe due order and decorum.

VII. If any Member shall have been twice called to order by the presiding Officer and shall, nevertheless, be guilty of a third offence at the same meeting, the presiding Officer shall command him forthwith to quit the Grand Chapter, and he shall not be again admitted to that Convocation.

VIII. Whoever shall be so unmasonic as to hiss at a Companion, or at what he has said, shall be forthwith solemnly excluded the Convocation, and declared incapable of being a Member of any Grand Chapter till, at another Grand Convocation, he publicly own his fault, and grace be granted.

IX. No motion for the repeal or alteration of any existing law, or for the introduction of a new one, shall be made, without notice being given in a previous Grand Chapter.

OF GRAND OFFICERS.

I. The Grand Z. shall be elected and installed, according to ancient usage, at the annual Convocation. He is then to nominate such of his Grand Officers as it is his prerogative to appoint, who, with the elective Grand Officers, are to be thereupon installed and invested in ancient form.

II. No Companion shall fill the office of a Grand Principal for more than three consecutive years, but he may be re-elected after the expiration of the following year.

III. Should the Grand Z., die during his term of office, or be rendered incapable of discharging the duties, by sickness, absence or otherwise, the Grand H., or in his absence the Grand J., or in their absence the Grand Superintendent of the District shall assemble the Grand Chapter immediately to record the event; which Grand Chapter shall appoint three of its members to invite the immediate Past First Grand Principal to act until a new election takes place. Should he decline, or be unable to act, the last but one, and so on; if no former Grand Z. be found to act, the Grand Chapter shall be summond to elect a Grand Z.

IV. The Grand Z., under the sanction of the Grand Chapter, may, by warrant, appoint any Companion of eminence and skill to represent the Grand Chapter in a sister Grand Chapter; he may also constitute the Representative of a Sister Grand Chapter, a member of the Grand Chapter of Canada, with such rank as the Grand Chapter may deem to be appropriate.

OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS.

I. The Grand Superintendent for each district, as defined by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada, shall be nominated by the Chapters in that District, and confirmed by the Grand Z., at the annual Convocation, and, if present, regularly invested.

He must be an installed First Principal, or a Past First Principal, and a resident in the District for which he is appointed.

This Officer is invested with a rank and power, in his particular District, in the absence of the Grand Principals, similar to those of the Grand Principals themselves.

II. He may preside in every Chapter he visits within his District.

III. He may hear and determine any subjects of Masonic complaint or irregularity respecting Chapters or individual Companions within his District, and may proceed to admonition, or to suspension, until the decision of the Grand Chapter shall be made known thereon. A minute of all such proceedings, stating the offence and the law applicable to it, together with his decision is to be transmitted to the Grand Chapter, through the Grand Scribe, E., and when the case is of so flagrant a nature, as in the judgment of the Grand Superintendent of the District to require the erasure of a chapter, or the expulsion of a companion, he shall make a special report to the Grand Chapter with his opinion thereon.

IV. The Grand Superintendent of the District may summon any Chapter or Companion, within his District to attend him, and to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of such Chapter, or the certificate of such Companion.

If the summons be not complied with, nor a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued ; and, in case of contumacy, the circumstances are to be reported to the Grand Chapter, who may suspend the chapter or companion, as before provided.

V. All petitions for warrants must be recommended and dully signed by the Grand Superintendent of the District prior to their transmission to the Grand Scribe, E., whose duty it shall be to see that such recommendation and signature are duly attached to each petition.

VI. The Grand Superintendent of each District is required to report to the Grand Chapter, at its annual

Convocation, on the condition of Masonry in his district, with a list of such Chapters as may have been constituted since the last annual Convocation, at least fourteen days previous to the next annual Convocation.

VII. He has power to give or refuse consent for the removal of a Chapter from Town to Town within his District but not from his District into another, or from another District into his own, without the sanction of the Grand Chapter.

GRAND SCRIBES, E. AND N.

I. All ministerial duties, and all privileges attached to the office of Grand Scribe, are to be performed and enjoyed exclusively by the Grand Scribe, E., who shall be an installed Principle, or Past Principle of a regular subordinate Chapter.

II. The Grand Scribe, N., to assist the Grand Scribe, E., during the business of the annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

OF GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER, TREASURER, REGISTRAR, FIRST AND SECOND ASSISTANT SOJOURNERS, SWORD BEARER, STANDARD BEARER, DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, ORGANIST, PURSUIVANT AND JANITOR.

I. The duties of the above Officers of the Grand Chapter correspond with those of similar Officers, as prescribed in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Grand Principal Sojourner acting in the Grand Chapter in a similar capacity to that of the the Grand Senior Deacon in the Grand Lodge.

II. The Grand First and Second Assistant Sojourners, Sword Bearer, Standard Bearer, Director of Ceremonies, Organist and Pursuivant, being appointed by the First Grand Principal, may be selected from amongst the Companions of

the regular subordinate Chapters, though not installed Principals, or Past Principals of such Chapters.

GOVERNMENT OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

I. The Grand Chapter of Canada shall have the sole government and superintendence of the several Royal Arch Chapters, and Lodges of Most Excellent, Past and Mark Master Masons, within the Province; to assign the limits of the several Districts, and settle controversies that may happen between them: and shall have power under seal and the sign manual of the Grand principals, attested by the Grand Scribe, E., and Grand Registrar, to constitute new Chapters of Royal arch Masons, and Lodges of Most Excellent, Past and Mark Master Masons, within the Province.

II. The Grand Z. shall have the power and authority, whenever he shall deem it expedient, during the recess of the Grand Chapter, to grant a Dispensation under his hand, and attested by the Grand Scribe, E., under the seal of the Grand Chapter, upon the petition of nine regular registered Royal Arch Masons, and Lodges of Most Excellent, Past and Mark Master Masons, for a certain specified time, provided the said term of time shall not extend beyond the next Convocation of the Grand Chapter, when the Grand Chapter may confirm the said Dispensation and grant the petitioners a Warrant of Constitution.

III. A fee of forty dollars shall be paid for every Dispensation, and ten dollars in addition for every Warrant of Constitution.

OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

I. All legally constituted assemblies of Royal Arch Masons are called Chapters, as regular bodies of Mark Masters, Past Masters and Most Excellent Masters are called Lodges. Every Chapter ought to assemble for work at least

once in every three months, and should consist of three Principals, two Scribes, three Sojourners, and a Janitor, to which, for the better working of the Chapter, may be added other Officers.

II. Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons throughout this jurisdiction shall have a Warrant of Constitution from the Grand Chapter, and no Chapter shall be deemed legal without such Warrant, or a Dispensation from the Grand Z. The mode of application to be by petition, signed by nine regular and registered Royal Arch Masons, specifying the place where it is intended to hold such Chapter, the day on which it is proposed to be holden, with the names of the three intended Principals.

III. The petition is to be transmitted to the Superintendent of the District in which it is intended to hold the Chapter, for his recommendation or opinion.

IV. Every Chapter shall be solemnly consecrated, according to ancient custom, by one of the Grand Principals or Superintendents of Districts, or by some Present or Past First Principal.

V. Every Chapter shall annually elect, by ballot, the First, Second and Third Principals, Scribes, E., and N., Principal Sojourner and Treasurer, and, by an open vote of the Chapter, the Janitor.

The First Principal shall annually appoint all the other Officers required for the better working of his Chapter, who are, with the elective Officers, to be regularly installed and invested.

VI. No Companion shall be eligible for the First Principal's chair, unless he be an Installed Master or Past Master of a regular Lodge, nor until he has served in the Second Principal's chair for twelve months, nor to the second until he has served in the third Principal's chair for twelve months, unless by special dispensation from the Grand First Principal.

VII. If the numbers shall, in any case, be equal, the First Principal shall have the casting vote, or he may order a new ballot at his discretion.

VIII. A Register shall be kept by each Chapter of all Companions who shall be installed as First, Second and Third Principals; and every Chapter shall notify the Grand Scribe, E., the name of every Companion so installed, with the date of his installation, and shall also notify the Grand Scribe, E., whenever any Companion who has been installed as First, Second and Third Principal, shall, from any cause whatever, cease to be a Member of the Chapter; and no Companion shall take his seat in the Grand Chapter as a Principal, or Past Principal, until his name shall have been so registered.

IX. No Companion shall fill the chair of First Principal for more than three consecutive years, nor the second and third chairs, for more than two years in succession.

X. All Warrants issued for constituting Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, must also give the power to open and hold Lodges of Most Excellent, Past and Mark Master Masons, and the First, Second and Third Principals of such Chapter, for the time being, shall be the Master and Wardens; and the other Officers of the Chapter, according to seniority.

XI. The Officers and Companions, whilst in Chapter, shall wear the Insignia of the Order, according to their rank.

XII. In case of the absence of the First Principal, his chair shall be taken by his immediate predecessor therein, or, in his absence, by the Senior Past First Principal, who shall discharge the duties of the Chapter.

XIII. In case of the death or removal of a First Principal, the Chapter shall proceed to elect a new Principal in his place, giving seven clear days' notice of such election to all the Members of the Chapter.

XIV. Every Chapter shall at least, once in each year make a return to the Grand Scribe E., specifying names, ages, professions and residences, and the dates of exaltation of the Companions exalted, together with the dates of their taking the previous degrees of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Master, and shall, at the same time, remit the registering fees, and Fees for Grand Chapter Certificates,

that may be due. Any Companion, exalted in foreign parts, whose name, therefore, is not previously registered in the books of the Grand Chapter, shall join a Chapter as a Member, his name, age, profession and Chapter shall be returned, and the same fee shall be paid as if he had been exalted in the Chapter which he may so join. The names also, of all Companions who may join from any other Chapter must be returned, and the Chapter in which they were exalted, specified. Every Mark Master must select his mark within six months from the date of his taking the degree, and a description of it shall be returned by his Chapter for record by the Grand Scribe, E.

XV. Candidates for admission into a Chapter must be duly proposed, balloted for and approved; and no one shall be admitted if on the ballot there appear two black balls.

XVI. No Mason shall be exalted to this degree unless he has been a Master Mason for three calendar months at least, except by dispensation from the first Grand Principal, which shall not however be for a shorter period than four weeks.

XVII. No Chapter shall confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch, upon any Brother for a less sum than twenty dollars; nor the Mark Master's degree, when given alone, for a less sum than five dollars; which sums may include the fees to the Grand Chapter, for registry and certificate. This is not however to extend to serving Companions, who may be exalted free of fee or charge, provided that a Dispensation be obtained from the First Grand Principal or Grand Superintendent of the District in which the candidate resides.

XVIII. The Registering fee to the Grand Chapter for Brethren exalted, or Companions first joining from a Foreign Chapter, shall be three dollars, including the fee for the certificate; and the fee for a Companion joining a Chapter, his name being previously registered, half a dollar.

XIX. Every Chapter shall have power to make such By-Laws as to them shall seem meet for their own private

government, provided they be not incompatible with the general laws of the Craft, or the general statutes enacted by the Grand Chapter, and which By-Laws shall be fairly copied in a book to be kept for that purpose, and a copy thereof shall be sent to the Grand Scribe, E.

XX. Every Chapter shall be subject to erasure and forfeiture of its Charter of Constitution in either of the following cases:

Omitting to hold a Meeting of the Chapter for the space of two years.

Neglecting to make any return required by the foregoing laws.

Neglecting to register annually the names of all Companions exalted, and of those who have joined the Chapter.

But no Chapter shall be erased until the Principals thereof shall have been duly summoned to show cause to the contrary to the Grand Chapter.

REGALIA.

I. The following clothing and insignia shall be worn, and no Companion shall, on any pretence, be admitted into the Grand Chapter, or any Subordinate Chapter, without his proper clothing.

No honorary or other jewel or emblem shall be worn which shall not appertain to, or be consistent with those degrees which are recognized and acknowledged by the Grand Chapter.

II. The apron is to be of white lamb-skin, or white kid-skin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, and from twelve to fourteen inches deep, with an indented crimson and purple border two inches wide, the crimson part pointing to the centre of the apron, the border of the flap, or lappet, to be only one inch wide, in the centre of the flap is to be a triangle of silk or satin, surrounded with gold border, and within the triangle three taus, united in gold spangled embroidery, and two gold tassels are to be suspended by

ribbons two inches wide, coming from under the flap. The Present and Past Officers of the Grand Chapter alone to have the apron trimmed with gold lace.

III. The silk or satin ground of the triangle, the lining and strings of the apron, and the ribbon suspending the tassels, for Present and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter, purple and for Principals and Past Principals, of Subordinate Chapters, crimson, and for all other Companions, white.

IV. The jewel of office worn by the Present and Past Officers of the Grand Chapter, is to be suspended by a collar of three colors, viz: purple, crimson, and pale blue, four inches wide.

V. The jewels of office worn by the Principals and Officers, and also by Past Principals of Subordinate Chapters, is to be suspended by a crimson collar, four inches wide.

VI. The aprons, collars, and jewels of Officers and Members of Most Excellent, Past and Mark Master Mason's Lodges, to be similar to those worn in Craft Lodges, according to rank.

VII. The medal of the Order is to be worn on the left breast, appended according to the rank of the Companion, by a narrow ribbon, two inches wide as follows: Present and Past Officers of the Grand Chapter, tricolor, corresponding with the collar, and the Principals and Past Principals of all Subordinate Chapters, crimson, also corresponding with the collar.

The other Officers of Subordinate Chapters, and all other Companions, white.

VIII. All Jewels of this Order are to be gold or gilt.

IX. All companions are to wear the usual sash of the Order, with silk fringe at the ends, that all Present and Past Officers of the Chapter, and Past Principals of Subordinate Chapters, may wear gold fringe or bullion instead of silk.

ROBES.

First Grand and First Principal, Z.
A crimson robe trimmed with ermine.

Second Grand and Second Principal, H.
A purple robe.

Third Grand and Third Principal, J.
A blue robe.

Scribes E. and N., of Grand and Subordinate Chapters,
White robes.

The Principal and Assistant Sojourners of Grand and Subordinate Chapters,
White robes.

Pursuivants and Janitors of Grand and Subordinate Chapters,
White robes.

JEWELS.

First Grand Principal, Z.
A Crown irradiated between the legs of a pair of compasses the points resting on a triple triangle.

Second Grand Principal, H.
The All-Seeing Eye irradiated between the legs of a pair of compasses the points resting on a triple triangle.

Third Grand Principal J.
The Volume of the Sacred Law irradiated between the legs of a pair of compasses the points resting on a triple triangle.

Past Grand Principals,
The jewel appertaining to their respective offices in a circle.

Grand Superintendents of Districts,
A small triangle irradated in a double triangle enclosed within a circle on a triangle.

Past Grand Superintendents of Districts,
The same jewel omitting the small triangle irradiated.

Grand Scribes E. and N.
Cross pens with a tie within a triangle.

Principal Sojourners of Grand and Subordinate Chapters,
A square irradiated within a triangle.

Assistant Sojourners of Grand and Subordinate Chapters,
A square within triangles not irradiated.

Grand Treasurer,
A key within a triangle.

Grand Registrar,
A scroll on a pen within a triangle.

Grand Sword Bearer,
Cross swords with a tie within a triangle.

Grand Standard Bearer,
A standard with a triple tau in the centre within a triangle.

Grand Director of Ceremonies,
Cross wands, with a wreath within a triangle.

Grand Organist,
A harp within a triangle.

Grand Pursuivant,
Cross swords and wand with a coat of arms within a triangle.

Grand Janitor,
A sword.

Grand Stewards,
A triangle.

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First Principal, Z.
A Crown irradiated within a triangle.

Second Principal, H.
An All-Seeing eye irradiated within a triangle.

Third Principal, J.
The Volume of the Sacred Law irradiated within a triangle.

Past Principals.
The same within a circle.

Officers of Subordinate Chapters,
The emblems appertaining to their office, as in Grand Chapter, within a triangle.

FORMS.

For a Warrant of Constitution.

To the Most Excellent Grand Principals, and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

We, the undersigned, being regular Royal Arch Masons, registered Members of the Chapters mentioned against our respective names, pray for a Warrant of Constitution, empowering us to meet as a regular Chapter at to be called on the day of and there to discharge the duties of Royal Arch Masonry in a constitutional manner, according to the Forms of the Order, and the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter; and we have nominated and do recommend Companion to be First Principal, Z., Companion to be Second Principal, H., Companion to be Third Principal, J.

The prayer of this Petition being granted, we promise strict conformity to the Ancient Landmarks of the Order, and the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter.

[To be signed by at least nine R. A. Masons.]

Application for Advancement.

To the Excellent Principals, Officers and Companions of
Chapter No.

The undersigned, a Master Mason, respectfully prays that he may be advanced to the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master.

(Signed,)

Application for Exaltation.

To the Excellent Principals, Officers and Companions of
Chapter No.

The undersigned having been advanced to the degrees of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Master Mason, respectfully prays that he may be exalted to the supreme degree of a Royal Arch Mason.

(Signed,)

RETURNS

OF

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS,

RENDERED 31st JANUARY, A.D. 1860.

No. 1.—ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1797.

Stated Meeting—Third Tuesday in every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp. John Kerr, Z
R. " " James A. Henderson, H
" " John Robb, J
" " " S. D. Fowler, Scribe, E

Number of Members.....39

No. 2.—THE HIRAM CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1820.

Stated Meeting—First Monday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp. William Bellhouse, Z
V. E. " Jeremiah Taylor, H
" " James M. Rogerson, J
" W.W. Pringle, Scribe, E

Number of Members.....64

No. 3.—ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

ESTABLISHED—1844.

Stated Meeting—Third Friday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp. Edwin Heathfield, Z
" " " William Moore, H
" " Alexander S. Abbott, J
" John Barry, Scribe, E

Number of Members.....43

No. 4.—ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1847.

Stated Meeting—Third Wednesday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	S. B. Harman,	Z
V. "	William H. Pardy,	H
" "	William R. Harris,	J
" "	Thomas Hookey,	Scribe E

Number of Members.....99

No. 5.—ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1854.

Stated Meeting—Fourth Friday in Feb., May, August and Sept.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Comp.	Thompson Wilson,	Z
R. " "	Edwin Heathfield,	H
V. " "	Thomas Mackie,	J
"	A. G. Smith,	Scribe E

Number of Members.....22

No. 6.—ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

ESTABLISHED—1855.

Stated Meeting—Second Thursday of every month.

OFFICERS

R. E. Comp.	W. C. Stephens,	Z
V. " "	M. F. Shaler,	H
" "	Hubbard Davis,	J
"	Thomas McCraken,	Scribe, E

Number of Members.....34

No. 7.—MORIA CHAPTER, BELLEVILLE.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1856.

Stated Meeting—First Tuesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

Z, H, J, Scribe, E — No Returns.

Number of Members.....30

No. 8—KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

ESTABLISHED—A.D. 1857.

Stated Meeting—Third Tuesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp. S. B. Campbell, Z
" " " A. M. Munro, H
" " " Charles Pollock, J
" " " Daniel Spry, Scribe, E

Number of Members.....55

No. 9.—GOLDEN RULE CHAPTER, STANSTEAD.

ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1858.

Stated Meeting—Tuesday, on or before full moon, in March, June, September and December.

OFFICERS.

Z, H, J, Scribe E } No Returns.

Number of Members.....21

No. 10.—KILWINNING CHAPTER, LONDON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1858.

Stated Meeting—First Monday in February, May, Aug, and Nov.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp. William Daniel, Z
H
J
" W. G. Chambers, Scribe, E } No Returns.

Number of Members.....20

No. 11.—WILSON LODGE, WINDSOR.

ESTABLISHED, A.D., 1859.

Stated Meeting—First Monday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp. W. J. Spicer Z
" " Thomas Boddy, H
" " Edwin Watson, J

No. 12.—CATARAQUI CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

ESTABLISHED, A. D. 1850.—AFFILIATED, 1859.

Stated Meeting—Second Monday in February, May, August and November.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp. Thomas A. Angel, Z
" " Francis Milo, H
V. " " Edward J. Barker, J
" John O'Donell, Scribe, E

Number of Members 15

No. 13.—INDEPENDENT CHAPTER, QUEBEC.

ESTABLISHED, A. D. 1854.—AFFILIATED, 1859.

Stated Meeting—

OFFICERS.

Z, H, J, Scribe, E } No Returns.

Number of Members .....

No. 14.—BEDFORD DISTRICT CHAPTER, DUNHAM.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1859.

Stated Meeting—Tuesday preceding Full Moon of every Month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp. David Brown, Z
" " Rev. Joseph Scott, H
" " William M. Pattison, J

Number of Members 12

No. 15.—WAWANOSH CHAPTER, SARNIA.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1859.

Stated Meeting—Second Friday in Jan'y April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp. James Hill Rowan, Z
" " George Masson, H
" " William P. Vidal, J
" H. D. Stewart, Scribe, E

Number of Members 16

No. 16.—CARLETON CHAPTER, OTTAWA.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1859.

Stated Meeting—Second Wednesday in March, June, Sept. and Dec.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp. W. J. B. McLeod Moore, Z
" " Manuel Northrup, H
" " James Wilson, J
" Fred. Marett, Scribe, E

Number of Members, ... 30

No. 17—DORCHESTER CHAPTER, ST. JOHNS'.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1860.

Stated Meeting—First Thursday of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp. H. L. Robinson, Z
" " J. M. Clarke, H
" " M. Mitchell, J
A. K. Laviscount, Scribe, E

Number of Members, ...10

No. 18—OXFORD CHAPTER, WOODSTOCK.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1860.

Stated Meeting—First Friday of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp. Geo. W. Whitehead, Z
" " R. A. Woodcock, H
" " Burton Bennett, J

Number of Members 9

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER,

1860–1.

M. E.	Comp.	T. Douglas Harington,	Grand	Z.
R. "	"	Samuel B. Harman,	"	H.
" "	"	Alfred A. Campbell,	"	J.
" "	"	Thomas Bird Harris,	"	Scribe, E.
" "	"	Edwin Heathfield,	"	" N.
" "	"	W. J. Spicer,	"	Principal Sojourner.
" "	"	James A. Henderson,	"	Treasurer.
" "	"	Thomas J. Angel,	"	Registrar.
V. "	"	William H. Pardey,	"	First Ass't, Sojour'r.
" "	"	William H. Ponton,	"	Second " "
" "	"	Richard Pope,	"	Sword Bearer.
" "	"	Jeremiah Taylor,	"	Standard Bearer.
" "	"	William R. Harris,	"	Dir. of Ceremonies.
" "	"	J. H. Martin,	"	Organist.
" "	"	George Mason,	"	Pursuivant.
" "	"	Edward J. Barker,	"	Stewards.
" "	"	Daniel Spry,	"	
" "	"	Thomas Mackie,	"	
" "	"	Thomas Hookey,	"	
" "	"	James Geen,	"	Janitor.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS.

M. E.	Comp.	Thompson Wilson,	*London District.*
" "	"	Thomas Duggan,	*Hamilton* "
" "	"	Francis Richardson,	*Toronto* "
" "	"	John C. Franck,	*Central* "

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WITH THE

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Scotland	Wm. Gaynor	Edinburgh.
Ireland	Hon. Geo. Handcock.	Dublin.
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California	L. C. Owen	San Francisco.
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Florida	John B. Taylor	Tallahassee.
Georgia	B. B. Russell	Macon.
Indiana	Francis King	Indianapolis.
Illinois	H. G. Reynolds	Knoxville.
Iowa	D. S. Warren	Iowa City.
Kentucky	P. Swigert	Frankfort.
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Maryland	Jos. Robinson	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Thos. Waterman	Boston.
Michigan	J. Eastman Johnson	White Pigeon.
Minnesota	George W. Prescott	St. Paul's.
Mississippi	R.W. T. Daniel	Jackson.
Missouri	A. O'Sullivan	St. Louis.
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New York	J.O. Cole	Albany.
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Tennessee	C. A. Fuller	Nashville.
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